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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION REDUCES BOOKLET MAILING COSTS

HONOLULU—The Department of Taxation announced a paperwork reduction measure today to eliminate unnecessary mailing of general excise, withholding, transient accommodation tax, or rental motor or tour vehicle surcharge booklets.

The cost saving measure will eliminate mailing these booklets to taxpayers who are not active filers and have had no filing activity since January 1, 2004. Each taxpayer potentially affected will receive a letter explaining the booklet mailing change. Anyone receiving the letter who wishes to continue receiving booklets should follow the instructions in the letter to mail or fax required information to the Department.

The Department of Taxation emphasizes that this action is a reduction of unnecessary mailing only, and does not suspend or cancel a taxpayer's general excise, withholding, transient accommodation, or vehicle surcharge identification number or account. A taxpayer who fails to file required tax returns or pay required Hawaii taxes may be subject to civil or criminal penalties, or both, in addition to the tax, statutory penalties, and interest. A taxpayer needing any of these booklets may obtain them from the Department's website, www.hawaii.gov/tax or from any Department of Taxation district office during business hours, or by calling the 24-hour forms request line, 808-587-7572 or 1-800-222-7572 (Toll Free).

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